

MEMORANDUM

DATE:

October 25, 2019

TO:

Mayor Patrick T. Rockinberg and Council Members: President Larry G. Hushour,

Secretary Jason M. Poirier, Pamela M. Reed, Patricia R. Washabaugh

FROM:

Gina Campanile

Director of Communication and Events

ISSUE:

DESIGN-BUILD OF THE EAST WEST PARK PLAYGROUND

PURPOSE:

Town staff is seeking Council approval to award the Design-Build of the East West Park Playground project to the bid that is in the best interest for Mount Airy.

BACKGROUND:

The East West Park Playground is used extensively during the fall and spring baseball seasons by sports organizations. During practices and games, the siblings of the ball players have enjoyed playing on the playground. This past May the aging playground was removed from the site due to safety concerns. Since then the community has reached out frequently to inquire as to when a new playground might be installed. The Community Parks and Playground grant was applied for in 2018 to replace the playground, but the application was denied. The Town added funds to the FY 2019 budget in the amount of \$39,000 to provide funds for the project that will provide families a safe place to play.

DISCUSSION:

The Town solicited bids from general contractors during the month of September and October and received four (4) design options. The design packets were submitted to the Recreation and Parks Board and were discussed at the October 24th, 2019 meeting. The Board was able to determine one design as most favorable based on the facts that it provides opens lines of sight so children and adults can see each other as well as that it encourages more imaginative play as opposed to more traditional designs.

The Game Time design total quote for installation and design including edging and bedding was \$38,990.36.

RECOMMENDATION:

Town staff recommends the Town Council to award the Design-Build of the East West Park Playground project # 2019-MA-P-003 to Cunningham Recreation, in the amount of \$38,990.36.

